GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:343
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2000
INDIRA GANDHI CANAL PROJECT
GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether additional Central Assistance had been provided every year forthe completion of Indira Gandhi Canal Project for the development of Indo-Pak border area;

(b) If so, whether the Union Government have since agreed to provide assistance for this project which was discontinued previously;

(c) If not, the reasons therefor, and

(d) The amount spent so far by the Union Government as well as by State Government of Rajasthan for the completion of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 343 REGARDING INDIRA GANDHI CANAL PROJECT BY SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA DUE FOR ANSWER ON 13.12.2000.

(a) Yes, Sir. Special Central Assistance has been provided since the Seventh Five Year Plan for the Indira Gandhi Nahar Project under the Border Area Development Programme.

(b) Central Loan Assistance (CLA) is now provided to the Project under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme. However, the allocation of Special Central Assistance under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) has been phased out as BADP has now been revamped and is a state-wise programme. Prior to 1993-94, Special Central Assistance under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) was allocated for four schemes on the Indo-Pakistan border, namely, schemes of the Ministry of Education in border areas, Pilot scheme for Photo Identity Cards, Research Study on border areas and the Indira Gandhi Nahar Project. In 1993-94, BADP was extended to the Bangladesh border and revamped wherein allocations are now made to State Governments giving equal weightage to three criteria namely, the length of international border, population of the border blocks and area of the border blocks. BADP now covers the border blocks of all the seventeen states which have international land borders.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) A total amount of Rs. 2091.22 crore has been spent till March, 2000 on the project out of the amount released by the Government of India and the amount provided by the Government of Rajasthan with break-up as follows:

(Rs. Crore)

1.	Government of Rajasthan	1534.36
2.	Government of India	556.86
	Total	2091.22